GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2566
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2005
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION
Chinta Mohan Dr. ;Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan)

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Population had been constituted in 2002;

(b) if so, the number of meetings held by the Commission till July,2005;

(c) whether the Government has changed its composition ; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The National Commission on Population (NCP) was constituted on 11th May 2000 to review, monitor and give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy (NPP), 2000. there have been two meetings of the Commission till now.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Initially the NCP was constituted with about 122 members, which has now been reconstitute on 11th April, 2005 with 41 members under the Chairmanship of the Hon`ble Prime Minister, Minister of Health & Family Welfare and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission are Vice-Chairman. The membership also includes few Union Cabinet Ministers, the Chief Ministers of the eight States. Presidents of National Parties, few experts, NGOs and professional agencies.

The main reason for reconstitution of the NCP was its unwieldy composition, which had been hindrance to its effectiveness and thereby only one meeting of the Commission could be taken place till April, 2005.